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Applicant : Tseng-hui Timothy Chen et al.
Application No. : 09/875,494 Confirmation No.: 7143
Filed : June 5, 2001
For : NOVEL LEADER PEPTIDES FOR ENHANCING SECRETION OF
RECOMBINANT PROTEIN FROM A HOST CELL

Examiner : David A. Lambertson
Art Unit : 1636
Docket No. : 012/01US
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated October 3, 2002, please extend the period of time for response one month, to expire on December 3, 2002. Enclosed is a Petition for an Extension of Time.

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated October 3, 2002, Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, Group I, claims 1-24, 28 and 29, directed to polynucleotides, for examination at this time. Applicants further elect an immunoglobulin (including an immunoadhesion) from the members of the group set forth in claim 4. Applicants further elect the species SEQ ID NO: 7 (the nucleotide sequence of the AraBADprom + SSS2B) as well as SEQ ID NO: 3 (the amino acid sequence of SSS2B).

Prior to examination of the merits, please enter the following amendments: